



MINUTES

50th Annual Meeting

May 18, 2017

Publyk House – Route 7A – Bennington, VT

Present:

- BCRC Staff: Mark Anders, Catherine Bryars, Bill Colvin, Stacey Eggsware, Jim Henderson, Michelle Marrocco, Allison Strohl, Jim Sullivan
- BCRC Commissioners:

Steven Bendix	Sunderland
Judy Boehlert	Sandgate
Donald Campbell	Conservation
Suzy dePeyster	Sandgate
Nancy Faesy	Dorset
Janet Hurley	Manchester Village
Walter Klinger	Pownal
Bruce Lierman	Transportation
Anthony MacLaurin	Village of Manchester
Dan Monks	Bennington
Pauline Moore	Manchester
Paul Myers	Peru
Charlie Rockwell	Rupert
Jonathan Ryan	Housing
Ed Shea	Woodford
Greg Van Houten	Bennington
- Guest Speaker: Ellen Stimson
- Guests: Leslie Addison, John La Vecchia, Zirwat Chowdhury, John La Vecchia Jr., Kayla Becker, Stephanie Lane, Michael Becker, Gary Langsdale, Rita Bendix, Anne MacLaurin, Ron Bisson, Bruce Martel, Marsha Bisson, Caroline Martel, Cindy Brownell, Michael McDonough, Amy Buckley, Amanda Monks, Kelly Clarke, Colin Moore, Jon DelSordo, Bob Pinsonneault, Valarie dePeyster, David Rees, Jason Dolmetsch, Tyler Resch, Karen Dzailo, Ann Resch, Collette Galusha, Barbara Schlesinger, Dennis Galusha, Linda Sciarappa, James Hand, Jay Sciarappa, Matt Harrington, David Silver,

Flavio Himenez-Alfonso, Mariko Silver, Jeannie Jenkins, Gay Squire, Alexina Jones, Rob Woolmington, Judy Kniffin, Tyler Yandow

Following a social hour and dinner, the business meeting was called to order by Chair, Dan Monks, at 6:55 PM.

I. Election of Officers and Chair's Remarks

Dan Monks welcomed everyone to the meeting and then announced that the following officers and interest group representatives, advanced by the BCRC's Nominating Committee, had been elected by a majority vote of commissioners:

CHAIR: Janet Hurley (Manchester)

VICE-CHAIR: Meg Cottam (Glastenbury)

SECRETARY: Daniel Monks (Bennington)

TREASURER: Suzanne dePeyster (Sandgate)

Liz Ruffa Local Food & Agriculture

Jonathan Ryan Housing

Bruce Lierman Transportation

Cathy Vogel Community Public Health

Dina Janis Economic Development

Wayn Goodman Energy

Donald Campbell Conservation

Greg Van Houten Local Business

Mr. Monks expressed his appreciation to his fellow commissioners at this, his final meeting as chair, and added his acknowledgement of the dedication and productivity of BCRC's staff and executive director.

- II. Executive Director, Jim Sullivan, thanked Mr. Monks for his service as chair of the BCRC, and then reviewed some of the BCRC's history, highlighting projections from the original Bennington County Regional Plan that did not bear out, as well as the many planning goals and policies that have endured and served the region's communities well over the years. He then recognized each staff member and the work that they do in each of the Commission's program areas, and concluded with some thoughts about the future. He then introduced the evening's guest speaker, author and Dorset resident, Ellen Stimson.

III. Guest Speaker

Ellen Stimson spoke about her family's move to Vermont and various humorous experiences that are included in her book, *Mud Season*, that was distributed to each person at tonight's dinner.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM